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Central Intelligence Agency
Geography Division, ORR
Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Acting Chief, Geographic Research Project No. 64.1529
From: Chief, Geography Division Date: 25 April 1957

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Regional Agroclimatic Aspects of Corn Cultivation in the USSR.
2. Statement of Problem: (Outline attached)
To analyze the agroclimatic conditions of regions of potential corn production. Recent Soviet efforts to expand the area of corn production have raised many questions. Limitations imposed by temperature and moisture will have a major bearing upon the areas selected for cultivation and the degree of success of such program.
3. Requester: M/AG/RR
4. Responsible Analysts: [REDACTED], USSR Branch 25X1A
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: D/GC for maps
 - b. Other parts of CIA: OSI
6. Estimated Man Hours: 400
7. Probable Completion Date: July 1957
8. Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR-GR-197

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Outline for Regional Agroclimatic Aspects of Corn Cultivation in the U.S.S.R

- I. Introduction
 - A. Problem
 - B. Methodology
- II. Current Corn Program in the U.S.S.R
 - A. Relative importance and location of acreages prior to 1954
 - B. Expansion of Corn acreages since 1954
 - C. Reasons for increased interest in corn
- III. Regional Analysis
 - A. Ukraine
 1. Agroclimatic conditions pertinent to corn cultivation
 - a. Length of growing season
 - b. Thermal conditions
 - c. Moisture conditions
 - d. Wind, hailstorm, and other factors
 2. Evaluation of corn potential
 - B. Northwest European U.S.S.R.
 - C. Central European U.S.S.R.
 - D. Volga-Ural
 - E. Lower Volga-North Caucasus
 - F. Caucasus
 - G. Western Siberia-Northern Kazakhstan
 - H. Central Asia
 - I. Eastern Siberia-Far East